

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #2 - FUNDING UPDATE & ACTIONS OF MAJOR
TRANSPORTATION BODIES

ISSUE: Update of Funding and actions of major transportation bodies.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive the report.

DISCUSSION: This memorandum provides a brief monthly update on funding and/or actions of major regional transportation bodies that relate to Alexandria.

General updates on funding-related issues of local, regional and national importance are provided below. Attachment 1 is the Commission's regular Monthly Update of Regional Transportation Board Major Actions and Funding.

City: City Council

The City Council adopted the recommendation of the Transportation Commission to establish a bike sharing program in Alexandria at its meeting of October 11, 2011. The City's Transportation and Transit Subsidies programs were reviewed at a City Council work session on October 17, 2011. At its meeting of October 25, 2011, City Council authorized staff to submit an application for revenue sharing funds to rehabilitate Duke Street from North Quaker Lane to South Walker Street.

State: Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

The City prepared a letter of testimony to transmit to the Commonwealth Transportation Board during the fall 2011 meeting schedule to hear testimony on the current six-year plan and six-year plan being developed for FY2013-FY2018.

Regional: Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) , Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

The Transportation Planning Board received information about the Draft 2011 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the Draft Air Quality Assessment for the 2011 CLRP. The application for submitting projects for the FY2012 CLRP was approved. The TPB also received a report on the “Street Smart” Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Campaign.

Washington Area Transit Authority (WMATA)

The WMATA Board held a series of public hearings on proposals to change WMATA services in a cost-neutral fashion to make them more effective. Two services which are proposed to be added are mid-day services from Bradlee Center to Parkfairfax and an extension of Route 28X on Leesburg Pike to the Mark Center. The status of these proposals is still in doubt. There will be a public hearing and special board meeting regarding changing the names of Metrorail stations, including King Street, on November 3, 2011.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC)

The NVTC meeting featured a presentation from Richard Sarles, the CEO and General Manager of WMATA. The NVTC agreed to appoint Mr. Jim Dyke, an appointee of Governor McDonald to the WMATA Board in January, 2012. The NVTC also gave the NVTC Director approval to sign an amendment to the Master Agreement with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DPRT) which confirms this decision, and allows Commonwealth funds to flow to NVTC jurisdictions.

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)

Staff considered the proposed allocation plan for FY2013 – FY2018 CMAQ and RSTP funds.

Federal: Funding Updates and Grant Notices of Awards

The City was formally awarded \$800,000 of FTA Alternatives Analysis funds on October 17, 2011 to advance the Corridor C (Van Dorn-Beauregard) transitway project.

Attachment 1: Monthly Update of Non-Federal Transportation Board Major Actions & Funding